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Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application entitled:

IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD DETERMINING NOISE IN IMAGE DATA

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